Rawsonville Rd. Work 'Abandoned'

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Efforts to pave Rawsonville Rd., from Willis Rd. to Oakville Waltz Rd. which have spanned two generations, have been given up for the present by Augusta Township.

Attention is now being turned to paving 4 miles of Bunton Rd. for a north-south paver thoroughfare through most of the township, the Township Board indicated last night at its regular meeting. The new paved area would be from Willow to Bemis Rds.

Whittaker is presently the only north-south paved road running through the township.

Augusta Supervisor Sylvester J. Blaszak indicated he would organize a petition drive to bring the project to a hearing before the County Road Commission late this month.

Signatures of owners of 51 per cent of the frontage on the road are required to bring the project to the road commission which would order a hearing.

Road Commission Engineer-Director Howard Minier today estimated the minimum cost of paving Bunton at $50,000 a mile or $2.50 per front foot.

Blaszak, who lives on the corner of Talladay and Bunton Rds. said the road would be paid for by special assessment levied on property owners there.

Other north-south roads in the township are not being considered for paving because too few families live on them, said Trustee Fred Sheldon.

About 95 homes are located on Bunton between Willow and Bemis.

A second paved north-south road through the township would, in addition to serving residents, be a major artery to industry and the airport in Willow Run, Sheldon said.

A fraction of the cost of paving Bunton would come from county matching funds. The township already has slated about $800 of its $4,000 road budget for Bunton. With matching money, $1,600 would be invested.

Efforts to pave Rawsonville Rd. on the boundary line between Augusta and Sumpter Townships and Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, are being shelved because of problems coordinating efforts of the various governmental units involved, August officials said.

"We moved here in 1922 and they were working on getting Rawsonville paved then," Blaszak said.

Any plans for work on Rawsonville must be approved by both townships, both counties and the state's Bureau of Roads.

The counties cooperated on paving Rawsonville from Textile Rd. to Willis, Minier said.

Wayne County gets 20 times more state and nine times more federal money than Washtenaw, he said.

In the Textile to Willis stretch, Wayne County agreed to pay 89 per cent on the cost, Minier said.

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n the Tower Room at McKenny Union, and a nursery will be rovided for pre-school children oming with members.

Members, whether amateur or expert, are asked to share heir ideas for "cabin fever" ures, whether or not their pro- ect is finished. Members hav- ng hobbies to share are asked o call Mrs. Thomas E. Neuberger at 482-2591 or Mrs. H. James Rokusek at 482-1248.

The hobbies noted will be represented in the display.

Members of the committee are Mrs. H. James Rokusek, and Mrs. Thomas E. Neuberger, co-chairmen, Mrs. John A. Sellers, Mrs. R. Stanley Gex, Mrs. Ralph F. Gilden, Mrs. Bruce K. Nelson, Mrs. Herbert L. Nelson, Mrs. David L. Emerson Mrs. F. L. Ferzacca, Mrs. Arthur V. Francis, Mrs Gary D. Hawks, Mrs. William C. McClain and Mrs. David Sharp.

Serving at the tea tables will be Mrs. Edward L. Compere, Mrs. Edward Green, Mrs. Rene E. Hauser and Mrs. John E. Sheard.

In the photo, four of the members' hobbies are represented.

In her caning hobby, Mrs. Herbert L. Nelson re-does many antique pieces of furniture such as the rocking chair at left. She knits, also, doing the coat sweater shown.

Quilting is the hobby of Mrs. H. James Rokusek with one of her quilts shown. Candleflowers are Mrs. Neuberger's hobby, with scented wax flowers surrounded by wired leaves in arrangements like the one at right.